

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (original) A document binder comprising two side covers, pivotally attached to opposing edges of a back cover, wherein on the internal face of each side cover at least one rigid peg is pivotally attached, and each peg is located in a corresponding position for an inter engagement with a mate peg of the opposite side cover, such that the total length of each pair of inter engaged pegs is varying during use according to the opening angle of the side covers.

2. (original) The binder according to claim 1, wherein each peg may be turned from facing its mate peg and being oriented at an open position substantially vertically to its attached side cover.

3. (original) The binder according to claim 2, further comprising means for keeping the peg steadily in the open position.

4. (original) The binder according to claim 1, wherein one peg of said pair of pegs is hollow and the other peg can be telescopically inserted inside the hollow cavity of said first peg, when the opposing side covers of said folder are drawn closer, and wherein said peg can be drawn out of the other peg by pulling said pegs apart when said side covers are drawn apart.

5. (original) The binder according to Claim 1, wherein two pairs of pegs are employed.

6. (original) The binder according to Claim 1, wherein more than two pairs of pegs are employed.

7. (original) The binder according to Claim 1, wherein the pegs have a circular cross section.

8. **(currently amended)** The binder according to Claim 7, wherein the other peg's outside diameter is [[be]] smaller than the inside diameter of the hollow peg.

9. (original) The binder according to Claim 1, wherein said hollow peg outside diameter is smaller than 5 mm.

10. (canceled)